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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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Application No.
10/003,678

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Examiner
Julian W. Woo

Art Unit
3731

Applicant(s): John E. Hutchins et al.

Invention: METHOD OF AND APPARATUS FOR POSITIONING AND MAINTAINING THE POSITION OF ENDOSCOPIC INSTRUMENTS

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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

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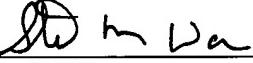
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 Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27**TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT** (\$ 798.00)**Complete if Known**

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1052	50	2052	25 Surcharge – late provisional filing fee or cover sheet.
1053	130	1053	130 Non-English specification
1812	2,520	1812	2,520 For filing a request for ex parte reexamination
1804	920*	1804	920* Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action
1805	1,840*	1805	1,840* Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action
1251	110	2251	55 Extension for reply within first month
1252	420	2252	210 Extension for reply within second month
1253	950	2253	475 Extension for reply within third month
1254	1,480	2254	740 Extension for reply within fourth month
1255	2,010	2255	1,005 Extension for reply within fifth month
1401	330	2401	165 Notice of Appeal
1402	330	2402	165 Filing a brief in support of an appeal
1403	290	2403	145 Request for oral hearing
1451	1,510	1451	1,510 Petition to institute a public use proceeding
1452	110	2452	55 Petition to revive – unavoidable
1453	1,330	2453	665 Petition to revive - unintentional
1501	1,330	2501	665 Utility issue fee (or reissue)
1502	480	2502	240 Design issue fee
1503	640	2503	320 Plant issue fee
1460	130	1460	130 Petitions to the Commissioner
1807	50	1807	50 Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)
1806	180	1806	180 Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt
8021	40	8021	40 Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)
1809	770	2809	385 Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a))
1810	770	2810	385 For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))
1801	770	2801	385 Request for Continued Examination (RCE)
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE COMMUNICATION

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed January 23, 2004, Applicants have amended their application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper; and

Remarks begin on page 14 of this paper.

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